

There is a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 98, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 127 Ex.]

YEAS—98

Akaka	Dodd	Lott
Alexander	Dole	Lugar
Allard	Domenici	McCain
Allen	Dorgan	McConnell
Baucus	Edwards	Mikulski
Bayh	Ensign	Miller
Bennett	Enzi	Murkowski
Biden	Feingold	Murray
Bingaman	Feinstein	Nelson (FL)
Bond	Fitzgerald	Nelson (NE)
Boxer	Frist	Nickles
Breaux	Graham (FL)	Pryor
Brownback	Graham (SC)	Reed
Bunning	Grassley	Reid
Burns	Gregg	Roberts
Byrd	Hagel	Rockefeller
Campbell	Harkin	Santorum
Cantwell	Hatch	Sarbanes
Carper	Hollings	Schumer
Chafee	Hutchison	Sessions
Chambliss	Inhofe	Shelby
Clinton	Inouye	Smith
Cochran	Jeffords	Snowe
Coleman	Johnson	Specter
Collins	Kennedy	Stabenow
Conrad	Kohl	Stevens
Cornyn	Kyl	Sununu
Corzine	Landrieu	Talent
Craig	Lautenberg	Thomas
Crapo	Leahy	Voinovich
Daschle	Levin	Warner
Dayton	Lieberman	Wyden
DeWine	Lincoln	

NAYS—1

Durbin

NOT VOTING—1

Kerry

The nomination was confirmed.

NOMINATION OF JANE J. BOYLE TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DIS- TRICT OF TEXAS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the next nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Jane J. Boyle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I wonder if Senator REID and Senator WARNER are here. I want to clarify the length of time which the next amendment will take. My understanding is that Senator REED's amendment might take as little as 10 minutes; in which case, it would make sense to stack his vote with the vote on the Biden amendment which would then be 2 hours later. However, if there is objection to that, I think people should be informed there could be another vote after this final vote on judges in about 10 or 15 minutes.

I am wondering if Senator WARNER is here.

Mr. WARNER. He is right here.

Mr. LEVIN. Is Senator REID here?

Mr. REED. I am here.

Mr. LEVIN. Senator Harry Reid, too.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, for the convenience of the Senate, stacking the two votes is quite acceptable.

Mr. LEVIN. Should I make a unanimous consent request? I think Senator HATCH—

Mr. WARNER. I discussed it with him, and it is fine.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that after this vote, there then be a period of time to debate the Senator Jack Reed amendment, which we expect would be short. We would immediately go to the Biden amendment.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, we were going to intersperse a Sessions amendment for 30 minutes.

Mr. LEVIN. I will amend that to ask that immediately after Jack Reed's amendment, there be a Sessions amendment for 30 minutes equally divided, and that we then go to a Biden amendment for perhaps as much as 2 hours, and there be three votes stacked at that point.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. LEVIN. Excuse me. Do we have a copy of the Sessions amendment? Is Senator SESSIONS here?

Mr. WARNER. He is not here.

Mr. LEVIN. So there will be no time agreement on the Sessions amendment until we know which amendment it is.

Mr. WARNER. We must check with our Finance Committee regarding the time on the Biden amendment. We are trying to work toward putting the votes in one batch.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I revise that unanimous consent request to ask that immediately after the debate on Senator REED's amendment, it be laid aside and we proceed to a debate on the Sessions amendment; that it then be laid aside and we then go to the Biden amendment, and we will hopefully have three votes at that time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Texas is recognized.

Ms. HUTCHISON. Mr. President, the nominee we are going to vote on, Jane Boyle, has served our country in so many positions: U.S. magistrate, where she had an outstanding record, as our U.S. Attorney, where she had an equally outstanding record. She has shown fairness, a judicial temperament, and great leadership in every position she has held.

Mr. President, I am proud to have recommended her nomination along with my colleague, Senator CORNYN, and before that, Senator Gramm. We have never been disappointed in Jane Boyle's performance, and know she will be an outstanding judge.

I urge a vote for her nomination.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I also support the nomination of Jane J. Boyle.

Mr. President, Ms. Boyle is currently the United States Attorney for this district. She comes to the Senate with extensive litigation and judicial experience. Before serving as the Northern District's U.S. Attorney, Ms. Boyle served for over a decade as a United States Magistrate and she served for years as a Federal and city prosecutor. I support Ms. Boyle's nomination.

With the three judicial confirmation votes today, the Senate will now have confirmed 20 judicial nominees this year alone. Only 17 judges were confirmed under Republican leadership in the entire 1996 session and no circuit court nominees were confirmed that entire time. That was the last year in which a President was seeking reelection. The Senate has now exceeded the number of total judges confirmed and the number of circuit court judges confirmed.

With these three confirmations today, the Senate will have confirmed a total of 89 judges this Congress and 189 of this President's judicial nominees overall. With 89 judicial confirmations in just a little more than 17 months, the Senate has confirmed more Federal judges than were confirmed during the two full years of 1995 and 1996, when Republicans first controlled the Senate and President Clinton was in the White House. It also exceeds the two-year total at the end of the Clinton administration, when Republicans held the Senate majority in 1999 and 2000. It is not quite as many as the 100 judges nominated by President Bush that a Democratic-led Senate confirmed in our 17 months in the majority in 2001 and 2002.

With 189 total confirmations for President Bush, the Senate has confirmed more lifetime appointees for this President than were allowed to be confirmed in the most recent four-year presidential term that of President Clinton from 1997 through 2000. It is more than a Republican majority confirmed in President Reagan's entire term from 1981 through 1984. Of course, President Reagan is recognized as the all-time champ in terms of judicial appointments having appointed more than any other President in our history.

I congratulate Ms. Boyle on her confirmation.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise in support of the confirmation of Jane J. Boyle to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. I have had the pleasure to review Ms. Boyle's distinguished career and I am confident that she will make a fine Federal judge.

Jane J. Boyle is an extremely experienced attorney who has tried over 180 cases to a verdict during her impressive career as an assistant district attorney, an assistant U.S. attorney, and as the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Texas. She has also served with distinction as a magistrate judge in the same district. Ms. Boyle brings a wealth of experience to the Federal

bench and she will make an excellent addition to the Northern District of Texas.

I am not alone in believing that Ms. Boyle will make an outstanding Federal district judge. The Texas Employment Lawyers Association, TELA, calls Ms. Boyle "considerate, concerned, and well-read," in addition to possessing "a great deal of knowledge about employment law" and an excellent judicial demeanor that is reflected in her "even-handed and fair" approach to adjudication. Ms. Boyle also has strong bipartisan support. The current chair of the Dallas County Democratic Party has written a letter expressing her "enthusiastic support of the nomination of Jane J. Boyle," and a former chair of the same organization wrote a letter stating that "in the case of this nominee, partisan considerations are unwise and should evaporate."

Ms. Boyle's experience both as a U.S. attorney and as a Federal magistrate judge will serve her well on the Federal district court. I urge my colleagues to join me in strong support of Ms. Boyle's nomination.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I am proud today to cast my vote in the affirmative for Jane J. Boyle who has been nominated to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. She presently serves as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas. Judge Boyle has a long and distinguished career of public service and is well qualified to return to the bench having served as United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Texas from 1990 to 2002.

In addition, she served a previous term as United States Attorney, Northern District of Texas from 1987 to 1990, and was an Assistant District Attorney in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office from 1981 to 1987.

Judge Boyle is imminently well qualified, as the ABA has rated her. More importantly, there is bipartisan consensus of those who know her and work with her. Moreover, she has garnered the respect of her colleagues and those who work for her. Most notably, she has gained the respect of the Dallas community, including folks from the entire political spectrum.

I ask unanimous consent to have a related article printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

(For immediate release, June 17, 2004)

SENATE CONFIRMS JANE BOYLE FOR
JUDGESHIP

WILL FILL VACANT SEAT IN NORTHERN
DISTRICT, BASED IN DALLAS

WASHINGTON.—The U.S. Senate on Thursday unanimously approved the federal judicial nomination of current U.S. Attorney Jane Boyle to be the U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. Boyle, 49, will be based in Dallas, and replaces retired Judge Jerry L. Buchmeyer. The Northern District's jurisdiction includes 100 counties.

"Jane Boyle has remarkable experience and knowledge of the law. She has done an outstanding job as U.S. Attorney in Dallas,

and I'm confident that she will continue to serve Texas and the nation with excellence," Cornyn said. "She has garnered the respect of her colleagues, those who work for her, and most notably, she has gained the respect of folks from across the political spectrum."

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Judiciary Committee, along with Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, recommended Boyle to President Bush on September 9, 2003. The President nominated Boyle on November 24, 2003, and she was confirmed by the Judiciary Committee on April 1, 2004.

Boyle was appointed by President George W. Bush in 2002 to be U.S. Attorney for the Northern District after a long and distinguished legal career in Texas. Prior to that selection, she served as U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Northern District for twelve years, earning significant judicial experience in the region.

Boyle also worked for a number of years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and an Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County. She earned a J.D. degree from Southern Methodist University School of Law in 1981 and graduated with honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 1977. She has been published in numerous legal periodicals, including the Texas Bar Journal.

Sen. Cornyn chairs the subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights & Property Rights, and is the only former judge on the committee. He also serves on the Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, and Budget Committees. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays on the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There is a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas, Mr. CORNYN, is recognized.

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, in the interest of time, I will not belabor the point. I wanted to add my voice to that of Senator HUTCHISON commending this fine nominee, Jane Boyle, to the U.S. Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Shall the Senate advise and consent to the nomination of Jane J. Boyle, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas?

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) is necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SMITH). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 99, nays 0, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 128 Ex.]
YEAS—99

Akaka
Alexander
Allard
Allen
Baucus
Bayh
Bennett
Biden
Bingaman
Bond
Boxer
Breaux

Brownback
Bunning
Burns
Byrd
Campbell
Cantwell
Carper
Chafee
Chambliss
Clinton
Cochran
Coleman

Collins
Conrad
Cornyn
Corzine
Craig
Crapo
Daschle
Dayton
DeWine
Dodd
Dole
Domenici

Dorgan
Durbin
Edwards
Ensign
Enzi
Feingold
Feinstein
Fitzgerald
Frist
Graham (FL)
Graham (SC)
Grassley
Gregg
Hagel
Harkin
Hatch
Hollings
Hutchison
Inhofe
Inouye
Jeffords

Johnson
Kennedy
Kohl
Kyl
Landrieu
Lautenberg
Leahy
Levin
Lieberman
Lincoln
Lott
Lugar
McCain
McConnell
Mikulski
Miller
Murkowski
Murray
Nelson (FL)
Nelson (NE)
Nickles

Pryor
Reed
Reid
Roberts
Rockefeller
Santorum
Sarbanes
Schumer
Sessions
Shelby
Smith
Snowe
Specter
Stabenow
Stevens
Sununu
Talent
Thomas
Voinovich
Warner
Wyden

NOT VOTING—1

Kerry

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action on this nomination.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now return to legislative session.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding that Senator WARNER and Senator REED have worked out an arrangement whereby the missile defense amendment will not be offered, but the end strength amendment will be offered at this time.

The chairman has arrived. What I have said is that the chairman and Senator REED have agreed that his missile defense amendment will be offered at a subsequent time and that now the end strength amendment that has been around for several days would be debated at this time and voted upon.

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, that was a suggestion I made to the Senator from Rhode Island. I think he will perhaps reflect on the need to go forward with his second missile defense amendment, and he had asked for that need to be reconsidered. Therefore, in its place we can put the end strength amendment, which would be a matter of convenience and great interest to our membership on this side, given it is a bipartisan amendment.

Mr. REID. Following that, the amendment of Senator SESSIONS will be offered, and following that the amendment of Senator BIDEN will be offered.

Mr. WARNER. Could we put time agreements on this now?

Mr. REID. We certainly should be able to.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.